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SUBJECT: SSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI
USE OF CBU'S AND US/ISRAELI MILITARY RELATIONSHIP

REF: (A) USUN 2183, (B) USUN 2252

1. THE IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED "MILITARY AND
NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL" HAS NOW BEEN
SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
(SSOD) AS DOC. A/S-10/AC.1/L.1 DATED JUNE 6, 1978.
TEXT IDENTICAL WITH THAT TRANSMITTED REF A. DRAFT
RESOLUTION HAS 25 CO-SPONSORS: AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA,
BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BENIN, CUBA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN,
IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYAN ARAB
JAMAHIRIYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO,
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QATAR, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB
REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, VIET NAM
AND YEMEN.

2. US DEL REGARDS THIS AS A VERY SERIOUS ADVERSE
DEVELOPMENT. IF THIS RESOLUTION PUT TO A VOTE, IT
CERTAIN TO PASS BY A LARGE MAJORITY. EFFECT WOULD

BE INTER ALIA A) TO POLITICIZE AND DEFLECT THE SSOD FROM ITS CENTRAL OBJECTIVE; B) UNDERCUT ANY PROSPECTS FOR CONSENSUS IN THE SESSION; C) INVITE OTHER DELS TO RAISE OTHER ISSUES IN SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS -- E.G., ON SOUTH AFRICA. BEYOND THESE CONSIDERATIONS, PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE A VERY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION EVOKING ALL THE OLD CONTROVERSIES ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. WE BELIEVE MAJOR EFFORT MUST BE MOUNTED NOW TO TRY TO HEAD OFF ACTION BY THE SSOD ON THIS RESOLUTION AND IN ANY EVENT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS. LATTER EFFORT IF IT DEVELOPS MOMENTUM MAY CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO ASSISTING IN DEFERRAL OF RESOLUTION IF IRAQIS REALIZE VOTE WILL NOT BE OVERWHELMING.

4. WE CAN ENVISAGE AT LEAST THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS: A) THE WORST WOULD BE THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 28. B) AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO HAVE ACTION ON THIS ITEM DEFERRED SINE DIE OR UNTIL THE 33RD UNGA BY TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESOLUTION AND REPORT AT THE 33RD UNGA; C) THE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEST BUT LEAST LIKELY OF CONCEIVABLE OUTCOMES WOULD BE TO CONVINCE THE COSPONSORS NOT TO PRESS DRAFT TO THE VOTE BUT MERELY TO ALLOW IT STAND A DOCUMENT OF THE SSOD.

5. AMB. LEONARD HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV (YUGOSLAVIA), OAU REP OUATTARA, AND ALSO HAS BRIEFED OUR ALLIES IN THE BARTON GROUP. THEY LARGELY AGREE WITH OUR ASSESSMENT OF ITS DETRIMENTAL IMPACT AND ARE READY IN VARYING DEGREES TO HELP. THE EC-9 IS DISCUSSING THE MATTER TODAY; THE DANES, WHO HAVE THE PRESIDENCY, ARE COORDINATING WITH US. WE ARE BEING CAREFUL IN OUR CONTACTS TO AVOID PRECIPITATING EFFORTS TO "IMPROVE" THE RESOLUTION SINCE CERTAIN RESULT OF SUCH AN EXERCISE WOULD BE A RESOLUTION WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST BUT ON WHICH WE WOULD HAVE FAR LESS COMPANY.

6. WE BELIEVE A GENERAL DEMARCHE URGING NEGATIVE VOTE SHOULD GO TO ALL UN MEMBERS ASAP EXCEPT COSPONSORS AND SOVIET BLOC. WE BELIEVE DEMARCHE IN

BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON,
MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, QATAR, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA,
SUDAN, SYRIA, TUNISIA, UAE AND YEMEN SHOULD INCLUDE
PROTEST AT COSPONSORSHIP.

7. CABLE TO KEY NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS, FOR EXAMPLE,
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, MEXICO, PERU, YUGOSLAVIA,
SHOULD INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH INDICATING OUR
DESIRE TO WORK WITH THEM TO ATTEMPT TO HEAD THIS OFF
AND, AS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF RELATIONS WITH IRAQ,
A REQUEST THEY APPROACH GOI IN BAGHDAD AND URGE
RECONSIDERATION. CABLE TO MOSCOW SHOULD CONTAIN
PARAGRAPH STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSENSUS OF
GA ACTION IN SESSIONS OF THIS NATURE AND FACT THAT
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NO CONSESSION IS POSSIBLE ON RESOLUTION ANYTHING
LIKE CURRENT TEXT. SOVIETS ALSO SHOULD BE URGED TO
WORK WITH US TO HEAD IT OFF.

8. FINALLY, WE RECOMMEND A DEMARCHE IN CAIRO EXPRESSING
OUR APPRECIATION TO THE GOE, A) FOR INFORMING US IN
ADVANCE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND B) FOR NOT JOINING THE
OTHER ARAB COSPONSORS. SIMILAR APPRECIATION HAS BEEN
EXPRESSED TO SAUDI ARABIA BY USUN. LEONARD UNQUOTE
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